



Charter Amendment No. 4

This is the fourth of nine proposed [College Station City Charter](#) amendments on the Nov. 6 ballot.

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What you will see on the ballot:

PROPOSITION NO. 4

FOR/AGAINST

Shall Article XII (General Provisions), Section 118 (Oath of Office) of the College Station City Charter be repealed and a new section added to Article IX (Nominations & Elections), providing for an oath of office?

What does it mean?

If you vote **AGAINST** this proposition, you are voting to keep this section of the charter as it is; If you vote **FOR** this proposition, you are voting to repeal and replace this section of the city charter:

ARTICLE XII GENERAL PROVISIONS

Oath of Office *Section 118*

➤ *The existing charter says:*

Every officer of the City shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, take and subscribe to the following oath or affirmation, to be filed and kept in the office of the City Secretary:

"I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of _____, of the City of College Station, State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the constitution and laws of the United States and of this state and the charter and ordinances of this City; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed or promised to contribute any money or valuable thing, or promised any public office

or employment as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected, or if the office is one of appointment, to secure my appointment. So help me God.”

➤ ***The amended charter would say:***

Every officer of the City shall, before entering upon the duties of their office, take and subscribe to an oath or affirmation, similar to that required by the Texas Constitution for state officers, before entering upon the duties of the office.

The oath or affirmation shall be in a form provided by the City Secretary, shall be given before a person authorized to administer oaths, and shall be filed and kept in the office of the City Secretary.

Why is this charter amendment on the ballot?

After reviewing the city charter for more than a year, the 10-member Citizens Charter Review Advisory Commission in May recommended that eight charter amendments be placed on the ballot in a November special election. The commission’s stated mission was to “review the city charter and make charter amendment recommendations, where appropriate, that will help protect the rights, powers and benefits of all College Station residents.” Most of the recommendations were made to bring the charter in line with state law. The city council later added a ninth amendment about conflict of interest for council members.

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